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Pope Soil and Water Conservation District

November 2024

Syverson Family 2024 Outstanding Conservationists



Victoria & Richard Syverson Paul & Josie Syverson Family



Water and Sediment Control Basin

Cover Crops, Residue and Tillage Management Practices

Pope Soil and Water Conservation District each year along with other SWCD's from across the state of Minnesota recognize landowners for implementing conservation projects or conducting work of an exemplary nature that helps improve and protect our lakes, rivers, streams, and land.

This year we are pleased to select Richard, Victoria, Paul, and Josie Syverson for the 2024 Pope County Outstanding Conservationist. The Syverson's operate a 1,500-acre MDA Water Quality Certified farm raising corn, soybeans, forage, and cover crops. They irrigate 155 acres. They have implemented: cover crops, a shelterbelt, no-till, vertical tillage, water quality intakes, water and sediment control basins, grass plantings, irrigation water management, grid sampling, pasture and forage management, and nutrient management. The Syverson's have 160 mixed breed mostly polypay ewes and feed 320 market lambs annually. They work closely with Pope SWCD and NRCS on implementing several practices.

Richard has been a strong advocate for Minnesota producers. The Syverson's are good stewards and agricultural leaders that are using conservation methods in their operation and enjoy learning and sharing their knowledge with others.

We will present the Syverson's their award and recognition at the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Annual Conference December 4th in St. Paul and on December 17th at the Pope County Commissioners Meeting.

Congratulations again to the Syverson's. We are proud to select them as this year's recipient for this recognition and their conservation efforts. We applaud and thank them for their efforts.

# **SOIL HEALTH COST SHARE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED**

**The Pope SWCD is pleased to share that we have been awarded \$80,000 grant through the Board of Water and Soil Resources to focus on Soil Health Practices as identified in our Comprehensive Watershed Management Plans. We have added staff to work with landowners and can provide cost share that is available to producers.**

Soil health is the continued capacity of soil to function as a vital living system that sustains plants, animals, and humans. Some practices eligible for funding includes cover crops, residue and tillage management, no-till, and windbreak/shelterbelt establishment and renovation.

We promote the 5 principles of Soil Health: Keep the soil covered, minimize disturbances, keep living roots in the ground, diversify rotations, and integrating livestock where possible. Following these principles creates a more sustainable soil with a greater resiliency further allowing soil to function properly while protecting the natural resources of our area. To assist with our goals, we offer cost share programs. We can provide technical assistance to design your project. This program provides 75% or a flat rate of the total eligible costs of a practice. A contract between the SWCD and the landowner needs to be approved before a project can begin. Landowners are reimbursed upon completion of the project. We are able to offer assistance under this funding for these types of practices below:

## **SOIL HEALTH FUNDING FOR TREE PRACTICES**

- ⇒ Reduces wind erosion
- ⇒ Tree roots bind soils and creates habitat for beneficial microbes
- ⇒ Adds nutrients to the soil
- ⇒ Helps with infiltration



## **SOIL HEALTH FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION TILLAGE AND RESIDUE PRACTICES**

- ⇒ Reduces disturbance to the soil
- ⇒ Residue on the surface holds in moisture for drought
- ⇒ Improves nutrient management
- ⇒ Increased soil biological diversity

## **SOIL HEALTH FUNDING FOR COVER CROP PRACTICES**

- ⇒ Builds Soil Resiliency
- ⇒ Reduced Nitrogen Loss and more organic matter
- ⇒ Livestock Forage
- ⇒ Soil Erosion

To learn more if you qualify and to develop a conservation plan, please contact our office at 320-634-5327. You may stop in as well, our address is 1680 Franklin Street North Glenwood, MN 56334. This funding is limited please call today to set up an appointment. NRCS also has funding opportunities make sure to visit with both offices regarding your upcoming projects.



## Pope SWCD Celebrates 75th Anniversary



Pope Soil and Water Conservation District was recognized on September 17th by the Board of Water and Soil Resources for 75 years of bringing water management and conservation to the people and lands of Pope County 1949-2024.

In attendance during this recognition are pictured left to right below:

Jeff Hellermann (USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service District Conservationist), Jason Weinerman (Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources Board Conservationist), D. Gary Reents (Pope SWCD Board Member), Randy Pederson (Pope SWCD Board Member), Keith Nygaard (Pope SWCD Board Member), Randy Mitteness (Pope SWCD Board Member), Holly Kovarik (Pope SWCD District Manager), Tom Talle (Pope SWCD Board Member), Nicole Brede (Pope SWCD Habitat Resource Specialist), Senator Torrey Westrom, Dave Iverson (City of Glenwood Administrator), Representative Paul Anderson, and Alex Fellbaum (USDA Farm Service Agency Pope and Douglas County Offices Executive Director)

Pope SWCD Staff not pictured unable to attend the recognition: Christopher Borash (Pope SWCD Conservation Technician), Kimberly DeMorett (Pope SWCD Resource and Outreach Technician), and Mason Stewart (Pope SWCD Conservation Technician)

Photo Credit: Tim Douglass Pope County Tribune

## Water Fest Celebrates 20th Anniversary



*Each year we hold this event and work with area 6th graders to teach them all about our water resources. This year we had over 300 students and 7 schools participate. To learn more visit our website at [www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org). 3*

# POPE SOIL & WATER



## Tree Open House

December 18th, 2024

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

***Don't Delay Order Today! Quantities of certain varieties do sell out each year!***

Thinking about planting trees and shrubs this next spring? Have a question about what trees to plant or where to plant them? Stop by and visit with our staff to order or make plans for spring!

We offer tree & shrub sales, planter rentals, as well as custom planting and weed fabric installation.



Stop by our office at 1680 Franklin St North, Glenwood and enjoy coffee/cider and donuts as we discuss your tree planting or give us a call to set up an appointment at 320-634-5327.

# 2025 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM

## POPE SOIL & WATER



**CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
 1680 Franklin St North, Glenwood, MN 56334  
 PHONE: (320) 634-5327  
[www.popeswcd.org](http://www.popeswcd.org)

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Order early for the best selection of trees. We can have shortages of some varieties.  
 You will be notified in April of pick-up dates for trees, tree products, and for grass seed orders.

Prices are subject to change.

**Special orders available upon request, call now to secure your order! No project to big or small!**  
Open House scheduled for December 18th with cider and donuts. Come visit with our staff and place your order.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>SHRUBS (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Buffaloberry	\$50.00		
Chokeberry, black	\$50.00		
Hazlenut	\$50.00		
Hi Bush Cranberry	\$50.00		
Juneberry	\$50.00		
Common Lilac	\$50.00		
Cotoneaster	\$50.00		
Redosier Dogwood	\$50.00		
Sand Cherry	\$50.00		
Villosa Lilac	\$50.00		
<b>LARGE TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Siouxland Cottonwood	\$50.00		
Hackberry	\$50.00		
Bur Oak	\$50.00		
Silver Maple	\$50.00		
Sugar Maple	\$50.00		
American Linden Basswood	\$50.00		
<b>SMALL TREES (All Bare Root) priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
American Plum	\$50.00		
Common Chokecherry	\$50.00		
Red Splendor Crab	\$50.00		
<b>EVERGREENS priced per bundle of 25 Trees</b>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$50.00		
Colorado Blue Spruce	\$50.00		
Ponderosa Pine	\$50.00		
American Arborvitae (White Cedar)	\$50.00		
Red Pine (Norway Pine)	\$50.00		

\*\*Conservation Grade Trees Must Be Ordered in Minimum Quantities of 25 unless otherwise noted.

# Trees Ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Page Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**See Reverse Side for Tax.**



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# 2025 SALES PROGRAM ORDER FORM



Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEM	PRICE	#ORDERED	AMOUNT
<b>POTTED EVERGREENS (other varieties of evergreens available upon request)</b>			
Black Hills Spruce	\$16.50 each		
<b>TREE CARE (Plant Skydd Repellent)</b>			
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 200-300 1' seedlings) 1 lb powder	\$25.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 400-600 1' seedlings) 2.2 lb powder	\$37.00		
Plantskydd (deer/rabbit) Repellent (treats 100 1' seedlings) 1 liter premixed	\$20.00		
<b>TREE CARE</b>			
Tree Shelters 5' height (biodegradeable)	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Wood Stakes 5' height	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Bulk Roll of Weed Fabric 500'	\$200.00 per roll		
Staples/1000 per box (Anchor Pins)	\$80.00 per box		
<b>SERVICES -- All Services have a \$150.00 one time service charge</b>			
Custom Installed Weed Fabric (fabric included in price)	\$0.60 per foot		
Custom Tree Planting (\$100 minimum charge)	\$0.75 per tree		
Custom Cultivation	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding ATV	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
Custom Grass Seeding No-till Drill	<i>Call for Pricing</i>		
<b>EQUIPMENT RENTALS (Delivery charges do apply)</b>			
Tree Planter (minimum charge of \$50.00)	\$50.00 per day		
No-Till Drill (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$10.00 per acre		
Packer (minimum charge of \$100.00)	\$2.50 per acre		
Rainbarrels	\$75.00 each		
<b>CUSTOM GRASS SEED MIXES (priced per acre)</b>			
<i>Custom mixes available upon request suited to meet program requirements. Call for a quote 320-634-5327</i>			
<p>*Planning and Design service with on-site visit. (FREE)                      *Trees sold are for conservation purposes only.                      *SWCD cannot guarantee survival rate of trees.                      *SWCD reserves the right to substitute sizes or cancel species due to availability.                      *A <b>25% down payment</b> is required on all orders at the time of the order.                      All orders after March 1st 2025 must be paid in full at the time of the order. All balances due by April 1st, 2025. Orders Cancelled after February 1st, 2025 will be charged a 25% cancellation fee.</p>		<b>Total This Side :</b>	
		<b>Total Front Side :</b>	
		<b>Subtotal :</b>	
		<b>7.375% Sales Tax :</b>	
		<b>Total Order Cost :</b>	
		<b>Paid :</b>	
<b>Balance :</b>			

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With conclusion of the first annual Pope SWCD calendar photo contest we would like to send a "Thank You" to all who participated as we celebrate 75 years of *Conservation, Protection, and Enhancement of Pope County's Natural Resources (1949-2024)*.



Congratulations to Carla Erickson on winning first place in this years photo contest! For winning first place she will be featured on the Cover of the first annual Calendar for Pope SWCD as we celebrate 75 years as a district. This image (left) represents a field of flowers from a local CRP site with a beautiful farm setting in the background.

Congratulations Carla!

Second Place is awarded to Erica Carlson. This submitted image (right) is of the 2024 harvest where a combine is seen harvesting corn in the background while leaving a field of residue in its path.



Congratulations Erica!



Third Place is awarded to Kathy Bikers. This submission (left) is of a sunrise on the local body of water of Lake Amelia. The vibrant colors of the morning sunrise can be seen reflecting off the water's calm surface.

Congratulations Kathy!

Thank you to all who participated! Look for our spring news letter for details of the next photo contest. Calendars will be available sometime in the middle of December at our office, please stop in and say hi!



### POPE SWCD STAFF

*Holly Kovarik (Manager), Nicole Brede (Habitat Resource Specialist), Christopher Borash (Conservation Technician), Kimberly DeMorett (Resource and Outreach Technician), Mason Stewart (Conservation Technician)*

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## **Important Dates**

The public is welcome to join us.

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| December 2-4,        | MASWCD                     |
| December 17,<br>2024 | 7:00 a.m. Board<br>Meeting |
| January 21,<br>2025  | 8:00 a.m. Board<br>Meeting |



2024 SWCD BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Keith Nygaard, Tom Talle, Randy Pederson, D. Gary Reents, Randy Mitteness

## Tree Open House

**When:** December 18th, 2024

**Where:** Pope SWCD Office  
1680 Franklin St. N  
Glenwood, MN  
(320) 634-5327

**Time:** 8:00 A.M.— 4:30 P.M.

**Details:** Visit with our staff to place tree orders, create tree plans, or discuss cost-share programs available!



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COME ENJOY COFFEE, CIDER  
AND DONUTS!



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